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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We shall print from time to time, the por-
traits of well known Californian ornithologists,
and as a commencement of the series Mr.
Emerson's likeness appears in this issue.

It is so seldom that the veteran ornithologi-
cal workers of California appear in print, that
we present Mr. Belding's notes on the Audu-
bon's Hermit Thrush in this issue with pleas-
ure. The BULLETIN is also under obligation
to Mr. Belding for a recent generous donation
to the Club's publishing fund.

Commencing with this issue there will ap-
pear upon this page of the BULLETIN, the date
upon which the paper is mailed to subscribers.
This is done to give an actual date of publica-
tion to the contributions, for in the case of
certain articles such as records or descriptions
of birds and hitherto unknown observations
on their nesting habits, priority is an essential
feature. The BULLETIN wishes to protect the
rights of its contributors in a matter to which
we believe all scientific journals should give
attention. No. 1 was mailed Jan. 14.

In keeping with the onward march of the
protection of game, the sportsmen of Santa
Barbara Co. have recently organized a county
Game Protective Association, with the promise
that it will enforce the existing State and
County laws governing the unlawful taking of
game and fish. Mr. Alfred P. Redington of
Santa Barbara, one of the Cooper Club's active
members, is secretary of the new organization

and if all its members prove as active as Mr.
Redington in the work, we venture to say a
wholesome respect for the law will soon be in-
spired in those who hunt and fish out of seas-
on. The secretary writes: "We have the mis-
fortune to deal with a class of vandals at the
upper end of this great county who seem in-
clined to look at all such law and order, or
any attempt to enforce it, as an outrage on the
rights of an American citizen." To which we
add that the quicker these "citizens" are re-
lieved of their "rights" in this direction the
better. We wish the new organization in
Santa Barbara county every success and hope
it may stimulate the sportsmen of other coun-
ties to similar action for the necessity of game
protection is becoming more evident each
year.

As we go to press the *Bulletin of the Michi-
gan Ornithological Club* reaches us in the form
of a neat double number which completes Vol.
2 of this creditable publication. With this
number Mr. Leon J. Cole becomes Editor-in-
Chief with Percy Selous and Dr. Robt. H.
Wolcott as associates. The Michigan Club is
doing valuable, systematic work in its state
and its *Bulletin* which affords a means of dis-
pensing the results of the Club's work, merits
the support of all. The *Bulletin* always pre-
sents an attractive appearance and a substan-
tial table of contents, with many short notes,
which cannot fail to interest the ornithologist.
The BULLETIN reciprocates the compliments
of its Michigan contemporary and wishes it all
success for 1899.

We are happy to note that the *Osprey*, after
some delay occasioned by its "migration"
from New York to Washington D. C. and the
necessity of a change of printers when the
back numbers were well under way, is now
almost even on its issues and will soon be on
time each month with its wealth of bird news.
With Mr. Fuertes as Art Editor we shall ex-
pect some nice things in the line of plates, al-
though we could wish for nothing more than
some of the surpassing bird groups he has
given us during the past year. Under the
editorial management of Dr. Coues some strik-
ing department features have been introduced.
Current topics and reviews are handled under
the caption "In the Osprey's Claws" in a mas-
terly and impartial manner. While the *Os-
prey* will doubtless continue to show a full list
of prominent contributors, we venture to say
that Dr. Coues' able editorial management will
attract many subscribers in itself. Many in-
teresting articles grace the October, November
and December numbers and the *Osprey* has the
field it aspires to fill all to itself. That it will
fill it most satisfactorily no one will doubt and
we trust all Californians will accord it support.

The BULLETIN finds it necessary to issue
twenty pages with this number, in order to
dispose of a quantity of delayed material on
hand. With eighty active members in the
field, covering a large territory, our readers
can feel assured of missing nothing in the way
of news notes from the West.

This issue of the Bulletin was mailed Mar. 15.